

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the application. It is gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has allowed Claims 7-10. It is also gratefully acknowledged that the Examiner has objected to Claim 3 to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glocker (U.S. Patent 6,317,608) in view of King (U.S. Patent 6,300,827) and further in view of Nanni et al. (U.S. Patent 6,389,269). The Examiner has rejected Claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Glocker in view of King and Nanni et al., and further in view of Zhang et al. (U.S. Patent 6,313,698).

Please cancel Claims 2 and 3, without prejudice.

Regarding the rejection of independent Claim 1 under 103(a). Claim 1 has been amended to include the elements of Claim 2 and objected to Claim 3. Based on at least the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of Claim 1 is respectfully requested. Also, Claims 4-6 should be allowable based on their dependence on Claim 1. Withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 4-6 is respectfully requested.

Accordingly, all of the claims pending in the Application, namely, Claims 1 and 4-10, are believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference or personal interview would facilitate resolution of any remaining matters, the Examiner may contact Applicant's attorney at the number given below.

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